



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
**Stocco, et al.**

Serial No. **09/612,894**

Title: **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
FOR REGULATION OF  
STERIOGENESIS**

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Examiner: **J. Riley**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Box Response --Fee  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Madam:

Applicant hereby timely responds to the Office Action dated November 24, 2000. A Petition with the appropriate fee for a one-month extension of time to and including January 24, 2001 is enclosed herewith.

**Election in Response to Restriction Requirement**

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention categorized by the Examiner as: "II. Claims 14 -- 17, drawn to a protein, classified in Class 530, subclass 350." This election is made without traverse. Claims to the other inventions categorized by the examiner will be prosecuted in subsequent continuation applications.

**Preliminary Amendment**

In the Specification:

On page 20, line 11, after "(amino acid -- mouse) and", please insert -- SEQ ID NO: 18 --.